(c) if hot, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

Yes, Sir and encouraging results have been obtained.

Not applicable in view of answer to (b) above.

Production of coal

†2716. DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries have carried out more production of coal in the year 2005-06 than 2004-05;

if so, the quantity of coal produced in both of the above said years separately; and

the turn over of the coal producing units during the above said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the quantity of coal produced by Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given below:

In Million Tonnes

Company	2004-05	2005-06*
ECL	27.25	30.11
BCCL	22.32	22.30
CCL	37.39	40.51
NCL	49.95	52.52
WCL	41.41	43.20
SECL	78.55	83.02
MCL	68.08	89.60
NEC	0.63	1.10
CIL	323.58	341.37

'Provisional.

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(c) The turn over of coal producing units of CIL during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 (Provisional) are given below:

(Rupees in crores)

Company	Gross Turnover of subsidiary companies of CIL	
	2004-05	2005-06*
ECL	3894.16	4714.37
BCCL	2884.10	3590.45
CCL	4043.73	4654.81
NCL	5103.98	5094.17
WCL	4504.73	4714.29
SECL	6544.52	7047.10
MCL	3578.98	3860.64
NEC	106.10	220.61
TOTAL:	30660.30	33896 44

'Provisional

Private investment in coal sector

†2717. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to allow the private sector for making capital investment in the coal sector;

if so, the facts in this regard; and

by when this decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The coal mining is restricted mainly to public sector. By an amendment to the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act in 1976, two exceptibns to policy were introduced *viz,* (i) captive mining by private

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